

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add the cross-reference to related applications section, which was not included in the PCT application. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments made to the specification.

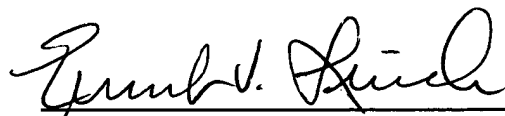
The PCT Abstract has been replaced by a new page 84. No new matter has been introduced.

The informal PCT Drawings have been replaced with formal drawings. No new matter has been introduced.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the submissions made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so. Thus the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned, collect at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1 of the specification by inserting the following before current Paragraph No. [0001]:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is the Section 371(c) filing of copending PCT Application No. PCT/US00/00571, filed 10 January 2000, which designated the United States. This application also claims domestic priority from the following copending and commonly owned provisional applications, U.S.S.N. 60/115,600, filed 12 January 1999; U.S.S.N. 60/154,717, filed 20 September 1999, U.S.S.N. 60/155,364, filed 20 September 1999, and U.S.S.N. 60/155,365, filed 20 September 1999, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the PCT Abstract with the attached Abstract provided on new page number 87. The new Abstract reads as follows:

ABSTRACT

An apparatus for fabricating a unique nonwoven fabric which has the appearance of a woven fabric includes a supply station for parallel warp yarns, a support structure for orienting the parallel warp yarns into a cylindrical orientation, a weft yarn applicator for wrapping weft yarns around the

cylindrically oriented warp yarns after an adhesive scrim has been overlaid onto the warp yarns, a heating station for activating the adhesive and a cooling station for setting the adhesive, and a cutter for severing the cylindrically formed fabric laminate so that it can be flattened and wrapped onto a take-up roller. The weft yarn applicator including a rotating drum wherein a plurality of spools of weft yarn material are mounted in circumferentially spaced relationship and a tensioner is provided for applying the weft yarn material around the warp yarns in a predetermined tension which may be the same as, greater than, or less than the tension in the warp yarns.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the original informal 44 pages of PCT Drawings with the attached 44 pages of formal drawings.